

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 are pending in the application. In the non-final Office Action of January 4, 2007, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Nakajima*.
- B.) Rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Kawabata*.
- C.) Allowed claims 6 and 7.

Applicants address the Examiner's disposition as follows:

- A.) Rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Nakajima*:

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled.

- B.) Rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Kawabata*:

Claim 5 has been canceled.

- C.) Allowance of claims 6 and 7:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 6 and 7.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 6 and 7 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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